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Letter To The Editor

The Editor
The Times-Virginian
Appomattox, Virginia

Dear Sir:

It is my understanding that King's Supermarket in Appomattox has received a wine license which would allow it to sell wine, champagne, and other alcoholic beverages having 3.2% alcohol or less.

May I commend the management of King's Supermarket in that they have made available to the people of Appomattox one of the finest grocery shopping facilities to be found in this area. Many cities much larger than Appomattox do not have a store as well designed and as attractive for shopping as the new market here in Appomattox.

As all of us know, however, many of the citizens of our county have a problem in the matter of consuming alcoholic beverages. For them, nearness to the beverge and accessibility of it will be an incentive to consumption. For those who have a weakness in this area, the only treatment is to remove the beverage. Stocking wine, champagne, and other low alcohol beverages in the store can place these drinks within easy reach of those who formerly would have had to drive to Lynchburg for it. For them, it will provide an easier temptation to spend the family's earnings on alcohol instead of on food, clothing and shelter.

No doubt, many might be tempted to come to our area just for the sake of purchasing the alcoholic beverages. Do we need to attract to the Appomattox area people whose sole purpose in shopping is to obtain alcoholic beverages? Can't we do without this influx?

While I appreciate what King's Supermarket has done to make excellent grocery shopping available in our county, I must decry the effect that selling a wider range of alcoholic beverages will have. It just can't be good.

Very truly yours,
Tommy Lee, Pastor
Liberty Baptist Church

Crewman Of Year

William Anderson Scruggs (center), charter member of the Appomattox County Rescue Squad, was honored Sunday evening with a plaque naming him "Crewman of the Year." Squad president Ray Noble (far right) said that the choice "was difficult" among many qualified crewmen and women but the committee feels it picked "the right man." Rescue Squad captain Paul (Pete) Doss is at left. Naming of the "Crewman" was a highlight to the second annual Squad dinner and honors presentation and was held in the Squad building January 2.

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The Pastor Speaks

REDEEMING THE TIME

A new year has dawned upon us. In this year, a leap year or 366 days, each day has 24 hours. Each hour has 60 minutes, and each minute has 60 seconds. There's a lot of time in all of these days. God holds us accountable for using or redeeming our time in the best possible way. This is a spiritual challenge, and all of God's people are held accountable for reaching it.

All of us have the same amount of time. We are able to make the same use of it. Often it is frittered away on projects that don't have eternal value and significance. A lot of rather profound philosophical statements can be made about time and its value, but time from a practical standpoint is best seen in incidents such as these.

Your son wanted you to watch him play football, and you made plans to go. At the last minute there was extra work at the office. Somehow when you got home you were tired. There just wasn't time to see that son.

You had made plans to take your wife away for a much needed weekend vacation. The night before the scheduled departure you remembered that as finance chairman of your civic club you were in charge of the fund raising campaign just a month off. Somehow there wasn't time to take both the vacation and plan for the fund raising.

A trusted co-worker of yours who showed no interest in spiritual things had recently been making a few inquiries about the relevance of Christianity for his daily life. You had fully intended to drop by and visit with him. On top of it all though there were leaves to rake, rooms to paint, and a car to wax. Somehow there just had never been time both to see the friend and get the jobs done. When he suddenly passed away, your heart was deeply touched by it all, but there had just not been time to see him before then.

Most of your life you have felt your ignorance of what the Bible teaches about daily living, but when you come in from work you are tired. You enjoy watching a rousing Western on television or reading an exciting book. Somehow there's just not time to learn what God says and to brush up on what's happening in the world.

After feeling guilty about it for three or four years, you finally had made plans to take about fifteen minutes a day in the early morning to pray and read your Bible. Suddenly your foreman puts you on a different shift. It changed entirely your working schedule. Somehow now there just wasn't time to get this needed spiritual intake and to get to work on time.

God holds us accountable for redeeming or making use of that time that we have. (Ephesians 5:16) You a new year ahead of you with 366 days in it. Will you redeem, make wise use of the time in this year?

Dr. Thomas D. Lea, Pastor
Liberty Baptist Church
Appomattox, Virginia

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

BY LAWRENCE W. ALTHOUSE

"BLEEDING HEARTS"

Lesson for January 9, 1972

Background Scripture: Luke 5:27-32; 7:11-23; 24-50; 19:28-37
Devotional Reading: Luke 10:25-37

I am weary of the scorn heaped upon so-called 'bleeding hearts!' Although I realize this term 'bleeding hearts' is intended to be a criticism of foolish sentimentality masquerading as love, still I find many of the people who are pegged with this label to be the very people with whom I would identify myself. I would not hesitate joining many so-called 'bleeding hearts' and their concerns, because what I know of the teachings of Jesus Christ would lead me to expect to find him sharing these same concerns.

Trouble With 'The Righteous'

Nothing saddens me today so much as the realization that, not only are many people lacking in Christian compassion, but there is, on the part of many, an absolute hostility towards the practice of this virute. It is equated with weakness and moral indifference. It is frequently suggested that the 'bleeding heart' is more concerned with the evildoer than the righteous who suffer from his sins. Christian compassion, say many, is a misplaced concern; it is an unmerited love given to the wrong person.

There is some truth of a kind in this charge. Jesus frequently seemed to be the victim of a 'misplaced concern.' He was constantly loving the 'wrong person,' the sinner who did not merit his love. The same charges leveled against 'bleeding hearts' today were made against him too.

This is what happened the day when he went to the house of Levi, the tax collector, for dinner. Any tax collector in Jesus' day was a 'wrong person.' Tax collectors were hated because they collaborated with the Romans in collecting their taxes, they were forced by their work to associate with all classes of people who did not faithfully live by the Jewish ceremonial laws, and they frequently exacted more from the people than was thought to be honest. There could hardly be any greater sin and religious error than sitting down at the table with a group of tax collectors!

Who Could The Doctor?

"Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" the Pharisees demanded. As far as they were concerned, the tax collectors deserved punishment, not compassion. But Jesus stunned them with his reply "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance" (Luke 5:31, 32). It's the sinner who needs compassion not the righteous man.

I don't like labels, but if I must bear one, let them call me a 'bleeding heart.' I don't mind, for that's what my Lord was and is. (Based on outlines copyrighted by the Division of Christian Education, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA. Released by Community Press Service.)

'Thank You'

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Tyler owners and operators of the Pine View Rest Home in Spout Spring say that Christmas and New Years for their guests were really memorable occasions.

For New Year's Day was a traditional menu of hams and black eyed peas. Christmas Day there was individual stocking stuffers for each guest plus many other things to climax a pre-holiday season of parties, carol singing, special kind of attention older people appreciate.

Gifts came from as far as Newport News, churches and church groups came from near and far to bring gifts and cheer with festivities. To one and all the men and women of the Pine View and the Tylers say, "Thank You."

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'Daddy, Can We Go With You'?

Earnest Humbles (center) killed this 200 pound buck, as his six years old and Paul (right) four years old, wanted to be in the photo and Dad was only too happy to oblige. Earnest says it's been five years since he killed a deer, so there was cause for a post New Year's Day celebration at the Humbles, and enough venison for many a meal.

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GLADSTONE

Mr. and Mrs. Hope Christian and son, Conway spent the week end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hope Christian, Sr.

Recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dorman Banton were Mr. and Mrs. Forest Banton of Florida.

Mrs. Ross Cobb visited in Roanoke, Va. over the holidays.

Mr. Royal Moore is improving at his home here after several weeks illness.

Mr. Grover Carter is in intensive care at Lynchburg General Hospital.

Recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Carter and Mrs. Everett Carter were Douglas and Hamlett and Carolyn Hall from Ballimore, Md.

Miss Tamara Goosby has returned to Averette College in Danville after spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Louis Goosby.

Miss Patricia Ragland has returned to her position in Washington, D. C. after spending the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Ragland.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Zedenskis and son, Paul of Newport News were dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Brown on Tuesday.

Mrs. Anne Darst and daughter Harriett of Lynchburg were dinner guest of Miss Tamara and Mrs. Phylis Goosby during Christmas. Harriett and Tamara are roomates at College.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Christian were week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Moon in Shipman.

Mrs. Clay J. Horsley and daughter, Judy spent the week end in Richmond with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Moore and daughter, Vickie had as guest on Friday night Mr. and Mrs. John Spiggle. The hostess served punch and cookies carrying out a holiday theme.

Mrs. Shirley Harris and son David and Doug are spending some time in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Thornhill of Richmond and daughter conducted the devotionals and introduced the guest speaker. The Rev. James Franklin, pastor of the Sharon Baptist Church of Cumberland, Va., was present and took an active part in the service. He also rendered a beautiful solo. The offering for the day was very good.

A large crowd attended the annual business meeting of the Galilee Baptist Church last Saturday at 7 p.m. The annual report from the treasurer and financial secretary were accepted with thanks. The officers and members were very pleased over the work accomplished last year. The new program was presented and adopted.

The officers, members and friends are asked to attend the regular preaching services at the Mount Shiloh Baptist Church this second Sunday morning at 11 a.m.

Funeral services for the late Mr. Hudson Elliott were conducted from the Promise Land Baptist Church last Friday at 1 p.m. The pastor of the church officiated and delivered the eulogy. He was assisted in the service by the Rev. J. A. Carter, pastor of the Zion and St. Joy Baptist Churches and also a former pastor of the Promise Land Baptist Church. Rev. Carter paid high tribute to the deceased as a loyal and faithful member during his administration. Music was rendered by the senior choir of the church. The floral designs were in lead numbers. The deceased was 85 years old and died in the Pine Ridge Nursing Home last Tuesday. In addition to his wife, Mrs. Queen Elliott he leaves the following to mourn their loss: One nephew, Mr. Robert Elliott of West Va., two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Julia Pennix, Mrs. Ola Fleshman and one brother-in-law, Mr. Harry Hancock of West Virginia, and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives. Burial was conducted in the church cemetery with West Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

The public is cordially reminded of the regular monthly meeting of the Appomattox Assembly on next Wed., Jan. 12, at 7 p.m. The guest speaker will be Mr. Jones of the special works' program in Lynchburg. At the close of the meeting special household products will be on sale at reduced prices.

A special planning meeting for a pre - Easter fellowship service will be held at Mount Airy Baptist Church this Sunday evening at 3 p.m. All churches who were invited are asked to be present.

All members and friends are invited to worship with the Morning Star Baptist Church this Sunday morning at 11:30 a.m.

Mr. Billy Stevens and wife of California has been visiting his father and members of his family during the Christmas season. This is his first visit home for 17 years. His father, Mr. Hudson Stevens was over rejoiced in seeing him.

Help for Cancer Patients

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COUNTY LINE

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Jones, Mrs. Eua Jones, Debbie Beady visited Mr. and Mrs. John Clark and son of Plymouth, N.C., during the holidays.

Mrs. Paul Nash, Mrs. Lenard McFadden and Mrs. Clarence Jones entertained at the Jones home Friday night, honoring their mother, Mrs. Emma Carter, on her 75th birthday. Present were relatives and friends of the honoree.

Mrs. Virginia St. John and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Emery Mullins and Paul Saturday.

Mrs. Jimmy Howard and children and Mrs. Elliott Nash and Dawn Kerr spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Jennings, of Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Miniates and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mann were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Mann and family Friday night.

Miss Yvonne Nash visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Nash over the week end.

Mrs. Jimmy Howard and Dean and Mrs. Elliott Nash and Dawn Kerr visited Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Howard Sunday afternoon.

ON DEAN'S LIST

Two local students named to a Dean's List included Richard B. Poe, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Poe, who has been named to the Dean's List, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg.

Annette Beaty Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Beaty, has been included in the Dean's List Central Virginia Community College, Lynchburg.

June of N. C. were dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Harris and Miss Callie Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. John Spiggle and Ronald were guest on Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Austin in Roanoke. At lunch a buffet dinner was served to 29 guest and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Banton and daughters Courtney and Stefanie of Richmond spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C.R. Brown.

Rev. Oscar Durphy Preaches Here

Impressive services were held at the Galilee Baptist Church last Sunday morning at the 11 a.m. services. The Rev. Oscar H. Durphy of saltmore, Md. was the guest speaker. The Rev. Mr. Durphy a native of Pamplin, was a former student of the former Carver Price High School and a student of the pastor, Rev. Lawing. He was accompanied by a large delegation of members of his family and friends from the Pamplin community. The pastor of the church

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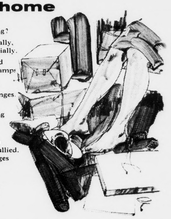

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